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G. Nagesh Rao is a 2016 USA Eisenhower Fellow whom also serves as Chief Technologist & Entrepreneur in Residence with the US Small Business Administration's Office of Investment & Innovation. His portfolio of work includes the SBIR/STTR program and coordination of the Fueling Small Business Innovation Interagency Policy Committee for the White House's Lab to Market Commercialization Agenda. As well handle all things "techie" and "nerd-related".

He played an instrumental role in the creation and execution of 5 major interagency policy committee reports regarding the SBIR/STTR program on behalf of the White House-OSTP and SBA for US Congress, as well currently co-leading the re-vamped build out of the www.sbir.gov platform that centralizes the programmatic efforts of the 11 participating federal agencies.

Nagesh has been afforded the privilege to work with top-tier cutting edge organizations such as Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Office of Technology Commercialization, The National Academies (NAS, NAE, IOM & NRC), US Department of Commerce (USPTO, EDA, &OIE), LAUNCH, CleanTech Los Angeles, Global Access in Action, NCET2, Innovation Endeavors, Planet Labs, Ecovative Design, Publicbeat, Peek, Stiefel Family Foundation, and most recently Virginia Tech's Applied Research Corporation. Recent projects he has worked on include: StartUp America, Patents for Humanity, i6 Green, First Look West, AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassadors Program, and VT-Arc Additive Manufacturing Prize Challenge. Additionally Nagesh's musings (written and oratorical) have been featured via TechCrunch, WAMC-NPR, The Scientist, The National Academies, MIT XPrize Lab, Stanford d-School, and The Courier-Journal (to name a few).

His credentials include a MBA (Global Strategy and Entrepreneurship) from the University of Maryland-College Park, a MSc in Legal Studies-Intellectual Property Law from Albany Law School, a BSc dual-major in Materials Engineering and Philosophy from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and a Patent Bar License from the USPTO (Registration Number: 69006). Accolades he has received include the Scott McKay and RPI Alumni Key Awards. Currently, he is an Advisor to MAS Holdings, LAUNCH (public-private partnership between NASA, USAID, US State Department, and Nike) and the AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassador Program, as well served over the past 5 years as a Board member on his alma mater's (RPI) Alumni Association Board of Trustees. As part of Nagesh's Eisenhower Fellowship, he will be embarking to Vietnam and Sri Lanka engaging in cutting edge endeavors with senior leaders from the private, public, and ngo sectors in those two countries.